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Re: SEAALL elections and the Annual Meeting in New Orleans

The election ballots will be mailed Jan. 19 and are due back postmarked no later than Feb. 16. The ballots will be counted later that week and each of you will be notified promptly. I just want to alert you as to the timing, just under 21 days before the Annual Meeting. Officers taking office at the end of the business meeting on Sat. should attend the Board Meeting on Thursday, March 12th at 3:30. If you are already planning on attending SEAALL, getting your ticket in advance for lower airfares won’t be a problem. If not already planning on attending, I just wanted to alert you to the short time frame.

Thank you for agreeing to stand for office!

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Secretary

You may want to notify all candidates re ballot timing and nec. to attend meetings in advance of takeup office -

Connie -
Nope - these are all eligible voters. The set includes the current paid members and the life members. Pam.

Thanks so much! Are there any labels for people who are not eligible to vote, that I should watch for and pull out?

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They're printed and being shipped out (via Fed. Exp.) as I write.

They are in zip code order going across the page:

1 2
3 4 etc.

(for bulk mailing format.)

Pam.

On second thought, please send them federal express. That way, my receptionist will have time to attach the labels at her convenience.
Southeastern Chapter  
of the American Association  
of Law Libraries, Inc.

19 January 1998

Dear SEAALL Member:

It is time to elect those SEAALL officers who will take office at the end of the SEAALL Annual Business Meeting on March 14, 1998. Article III, Sec. 2 of the Bylaws specifies that elections are to be held by mail ballot in February of each year. For 1998/99, the two positions to be filled are Vice President/President-Elect and Secretary. Biographical information for each of the candidates is enclosed with this ballot. The ballot is attached to the bottom of this letter.

Also to be voted upon at this time is a proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. See the separate Announcement and Ballot (white paper).

To vote, please follow these instructions:

- Mark the ballots. Ballots not clearly marked will not be counted.
- Detach the ballots from this letter and from the Explanation of Proposed Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation.
- Return them in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope. Do not put anything else in the envelope with your ballots.
- Mail the envelope postmarked no later than 23 February 1998. Ballots received with later postmarks will not be counted.

Sincerely,

Connie Matzen  
SEAALL Secretary

Cut here and insert in pre-addressed white envelope

Vote for one candidate for each office by placing a mark on the line following the name:

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT: Steve Hinckley _____  Terry Long _____

SECRETARY: Pauline Aranas _____  Diana Osbaldiston _____
The Executive Board proposes that the Virgin Islands be added as a jurisdiction within the territory of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. Law librarians from the Virgin Islands have attended SEAALL meetings in the past, and have expressed an interest in formally including the Virgin Islands within SEAALL. As the AALL chapter which already includes Puerto Rico, SEAALL is the logical AALL chapter to which librarians from the Virgin Islands would belong.

It is proposed to amend The Articles of Incorporation, Article IV (Members), paragraph 3 to read as follows by adding the underlined language:

The Southeastern Region includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the District of Columbia, and the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, and such other states as may be added.

In order for the amendment to pass, 2/3 of those voting must vote yes, in favor of the proposal.

To vote, follow the instructions in the Election Letter (Green paper)
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

STEVEN D. HINCKLEY (Vice President/ President-Elect)

Current Position: Associate Dean for Research and Technology, George Mason University, Arlington, VA.

Education: MSLS, The Catholic University of America, 1989; JD, University of Toledo, 1979; BS, Grand Valley State College, 1976.

Professional Association Activities:


Publications:
*Americans With Disabilities Act Bibliography* (To be included in forthcoming book Otherwise Qualified).


TERRY LONG (Vice President/President-Elect)

Current Position: Assistant Law Librarian, State Law Library, The Supreme Court of Virginia, Richmond, VA.

Education: MSLS, The Catholic University of America, 1989; BA Stetson University, 1974.

Professional Association Activities:
- AALL: Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee for 1998 Annual Meeting; Government Documents Special Interest Section, 1987 to date.
- SEAALL: Scholarship Committee, 1997-98; Local Arrangements Chair, SEAALL/VALL Joint Annual Meeting, 1995.
- Virginia Association of Law Libraries: Nominating Committee Chair, 1997-98; President, 1995-96; Vice President/President-Elect, 1994-95; Membership Committee Chair, 1990-91; Executive Board, 1987-90; Program Committee, 1984-87, 1991-92.

Publications:

PAULINE ARANAS (Secretary)

Current Position: Director of the Law Library and Assoc. Prof. of Law, Alyne Queener Massey Law Library, Vanderbilt University School of Law.

Education: MLIS, University of California, Berkeley, 1985; JD, University of Southern California, 1981; BA University of California, Los Angeles, 1976.

Professional Association Activities:
- **COSELL**: Vice-Chair, 1997-99; Board Member, 1995-97

- **Southern California Association of Law Libraries**: Board Member, 1990-92; Served on several committees.

**Publications:**
Book Review "Legal Writing: Getting It Right and Getting It Written," *8 Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 291 (1988)

**DIANA OSBALDISTON (Secretary)**

**Current Position**: Head Catalog Librarian, Coleman Karesh Law Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Education**: MMA, University of South Carolina, 1983; AALL Certified Law Librarian, 1982; MSLS, Southern Connecticut State College, 1974; BS, Kansas State University, 1971.

**Professional Association Activities**
- **AALL**: Academic Special Interest Section; Technical Services Special Interest Section; Online Bibliographic Services Special Interest Section; OBSIS Board Member, 1993-95; Mentor Program, 1987.


**Publications**:
To: Donna Bausch (President SEAALL)
Subject: 1998 SEAALL Election and Amendments Results

Dear Donna:

Today, three members of SEAALL meet to count the 1998 Election ballots and votes to amend the Articles of Incorporation. Ballots were to be postmarked no later than Feb. 16, which turned out to be a federal holiday. Therefore, ballots postmarked Feb. 17 were also accepted. Of 520 ballots mailed out, 260 were returned, for a 50% return rate. Of these, one was disqualified.

For Vice President/President-Elect, 256 ballots were cast. Steve Hinckley received 157 votes; Terry Long received 101 votes.

For Secretary, 255 ballots were cast. Diana Osbaldiston received 157 votes and Pauline Aranas 56 votes.

I assume that as President, you will notify all four of the candidates of the results of the election.

Regarding the request to amend the Articles of Incorporation to add the Virgin Islands to SEAALL's region, 252 ballots were cast. In favor of adding were 249; against were 2. One ballot (from an individual in the Virgin Islands) included a note indicating that we should carefully distinguish between the British and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Assuming that Jim meant to refer to the U.S. Virgin Islands, I will so amend the articles, and notify Hazel Johnson who is updating the Chapter Handbook before the Annual Meeting.

Please let me know if you need any more information regarding this election. I will hold the ballots until a motion to destroy the ballots has been approved at the SEAALL Business Meeting in New Orleans.

See you soon.

Connie Matzen
Secretary, SEAALL
Dear Ed,

SEALL Ballots were to have been postmarked by May 31. I'd be happy to wait until Monday to ensure that slow mails do not interfere with the validity of the results - particularly since the VP race is such a very close one. However, if you think everyone has already waited long enough, as of today...

The results of the SEALL election are as follows:

There were 514 ballots mailed and 256 were returned, for a return rate of 49% This is consistent with the return rates of 52% and 53% in the last two years.

Out of 229 ballots returned on the dues issue, 195 voted Yes and 33 voted No. This 86% positive result is sufficient to raise dues. I've directed Sue to go ahead with the dues mailing at the $20 level.

For VP/PE - Carol Avery Nicholson received 136 votes and Betty Kern received 120 votes.

For Treasurer - Kathy Heberer received 158 votes and Steven Thorpe received 95 votes.

Pam Williams asks that you let her know the official results just as soon as you have notified the winners and runners-up.

Let me know whether you consider the results final. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Donna Bausch
EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED DUES INCREASE

The Executive Board recommends that the annual dues be increased to $20.00 per year per member.

The proposed increase will add approximately $5000 annually to SEALL revenues.

This increase is necessitated by the new costs we face in producing Southeastern Law Librarian, our chapter newsletter. Until this year, the newsletter was produced for us free of charge. This obligation has increased our annual costs by approximately $2800. The balance of the new revenue will be devoted to increased scholarship award funding, depending on other chapter expenses.

A 2/3 vote in favor of this bylaw change will be required to implement the dues increase.

The former bylaw language is crossed out and the new figures have been inserted.

b. Dues

20.00

1. The annual dues for individual membership and associate members shall be $40.00. The annual dues for student memberships shall be $5.00. Life members and honorary members shall not be assessed dues.

2. The institutional membership dues shall be at the rate of $40.00 per designated member, and no library shall be required to pay annual dues in excess of $100.00.

3. All dues, individual, associate, and institutional shall be paid no later than three months after the due date appearing on the dues notice. The treasurer shall suspend the membership of any person who has not paid within the time allotted. A suspended membership shall be restored upon payment of dues for the current year.

4. The fiscal year shall coincide with that of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Please vote yes or no on the proposed bylaw language:

__________  YES

__________  NO
please complete the following form and return it to the Chair of the Nominating Committee. If you need additional space for some information, please add it on an additional page.

1. Office for which you have been nominated **Vice-President/President-Elect**

2. Name **Gail Warren**

3. Institution **Virginia State Law Library**

4. Education: Please list the university and year where you received your degree(s):
   - J.D. **University of Richmond (1981)**
   - M.L.S. **Catholic University of America (1987)**
   - B.A. **James Madison University (1978)**
   - Other

5. Professional Affiliations: Please list all officer positions, committees, and other activities and the years for each:

   - **AALL**
     - State, Court & County SIS, Member, 1984-; Nominating Committee, 1991
     - Council of Newsletter Editors, 1990-
     - Council of Chapter Presidents, 1988-1989
     - Faculty, AALL 1991 Summer Institute (July 1991)
     - Faculty, AALL 1991 Winter Institute (January 1991)
   - **Council of Chapter Presidents, 1988-1989**
   - **Public Relations Committee, 1983-1984**
   - **Member, 1982-**
   - **SEAALL**
     - Member, 1982-

   LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES - Virginia Association of Law Libraries (VALL)
   - Editor, VALL Newsletter, 1990-
   - President, 1989-1990
   - Vice-President/President-Elect, 1988-1989
   - Chairman, Program Committee, 1988-1989
   - Chairman, Placement Committee, 1986-1987
   - Director, Executive Board, 1985-1986
   - Member, 1983-

   OTHER LIBRARY AFFILIATIONS
   - **Virginia Library Association, 1987**
   - **Virginia Consortium of Local Law Libraries, 1990**
   - **Virginia State Library & Archives, LSCA Advisory Council, 1990**
   - **Virginia State Library & Archives, Cooperative Continuing Education Advisory Committee, 1987-1990; Secretary, 1989-1990**
6. Speeches
"Virginia Legislative History" Law Librarian's Society of D.C.,
Legislative Research SIS, November 22, 1991

7. Publications
"A Review of Comparable Worth: Where Does it Lead?" 11 Current Studies
in Librarianship 73 (1987)

8. Other Activities
Virginia State Bar, 1982-
University of Richmond School of Law, Instructor, "Lawyering Skills",
1991-1992
I have enjoyed serving the past two years on the Nominations Committee. As the 1998-1999 Chair, I have had the privilege of working with Tim Coggins, Nancy Johnson and Tim Hunt. I believe that our committee worked hard to present a slate of officers who will represent SEAALL in an outstanding manner.

Our committee complied with the procedures and deadlines given to us in our charge. We presented the following slate by November 1, 1998: Kathy Crosslin and John Bissett for Member-at-Large (1999-2001), Amy Osborne and Sally Wambold for Treasurer (1999-2001) and Cathy Lemann and Steve Thorpe for VP/President Elect (1999-2000).

Biographical information regarding these candidates was gathered and forwarded to our Secretary, Donna Osbaldiston, by December 1, 1998. The SEAALL Newsletter and SEAALL Listserv also carried a request for nominees and later an announcement of those nominated to serve.

I would like to also mention that our committee made a good faith effort to follow the committee guidelines and select people who represented SEAALL’s geographic, gender and ethnic diversity. We also tried to consider all academic, firm/corporate and court librarians.

Most of the work of our committee was done via the Internet. I would urge that future committees consist of five members in order to help expedite the nominating process. The Committee section of the SEAALL Handbook has provided our committee with all of the information necessary to satisfactorily conclude our work.

Herb Cihak
1998-1999 SEAALL Nominations Committee Chair